

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Foreign Area Officer (FAO) In-Country Training (ICT) in Saudi Arabia

1. Purpose. To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Oman and to assist in the selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. Facts.

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 12-13 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Date: January to January or July to July the following year.

(3) Program description: One FAO per year conducts ICT in Saudi Arabia. The officer is assigned to the U.S. Military Training Mission (USMTM) in Riyadh. The FAO serves as the Deputy Director of Mission Relations. In addition, the officer conducts advanced language training and regional travel.

(4) Prerequisites – CPT or MAJ; Arabic language 2/2

(5) Language Instruction Availability: Arabic language instruction and Islamic studies are available at Imam Mohammad University at no cost and at the Society Service Center for 500 Riyals per course. Also, local tutors are available.

b. Transportation: FAOs are not authorized to ship a POV. A USMTM vehicle is available to meet USMTM mission requirements.

c. Household Goods: FAOs are normally authorized partial JFTR, however, many furnishings and major appliances will be provided, so the FAO should bring only personal items, clothes, decorative items such as wall hangings, kitchen and gardening supplies, and entertainment items such as computers, stereos and televisions (multi-system TV is recommended). The incoming FAO should coordinate with the resident FAO and/or FAO supervisor for recommended items to bring.

d. Housing: FAOs live in Government provided quarters. FAOs do not receive OHA. USMTM provides housing in 2, 3, or 4 bedroom, fully furnished villas, currently in Eskan village, a leased compound in Riyadh.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: There is a U.S. Government Health Clinic in Riyadh (a contractor operated facility). It provides primary medical, dental, and orthodontic services for the community. Patients requiring treatment beyond the capability of the clinic are referred to King Fahd Hospital, which is a full service hospital with western standards of care. Personnel should bring a two-month supply of required medicines.

(2) PX/Commissary: Facilities are available, though prices are higher than in the U.S. Local supermarkets are generally excellent.

(3) Recreation: The embassy has a pool and a snack bar. Eskan village is a self-contained city with a club, exercise facility, pool, commissary and APO. The Community Liaison Office (CLO) offers information and coordinates a variety of MWR activities.

f. Rater/Senior Rater: Rater: Director, Mission Relations USMTM

Senior Rater: Chief of Staff, USMTM

g. FAOs In Training/Programmed:

h. Address:

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Ridyh, Saudi Arabia  
APO AE 09803

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3. Additional Information.

a. This is currently and unaccompanied tour.

b. Entry requirements (NOTE: *This information is subject to change. Recommend incoming FAOs check DoD 4500.54G, Foreign Area Clearance Guide and w/sponsor*

*NLT 90 days before PCS*). FAOs require Diplomatic passports. Family members require Official (maroon) passports. Visas are required for FAOs and family members. Health/ immunization requirements: none, but recommended include typhoid, meningitis, and Hep "A" and "B". FAOs will normally attend INTAC prior to arrival in country.

b. Recommend FAO brings materials from AOC/CAS3/and CGSC. Professional books concerning training, tactical operations, staff operations, and weapons systems. Also, include Arabic language materials.

c. Civilian clothing, mainly coat and tie, is standard attire for the embassy. Civilian Clothing Allowance is authorized once in country. Bring all types of uniforms.

e. Travel Priorities:

- (1) Priority one: Oman, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Turkey.
- (2) Priority two: Other Gulf Countries, Yemen, Iran\*, Iraq\*.
- (3) Priority three: The Maghreb, Libya\*, Sudan\*, Mauritania

\* Current travel restrictions apply.

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